

**Town of Keene – Regular Town Board Meeting APPROVED**

**5.26.26 #10**

**5:30 PM – Town Hall**

Vouchers: 403-442

Resolutions: 154-163

Abstract #9

**Board Members Present:**

Joe Pete Wilson, Supervisor; Robert Biesemeyer, Christopher Daly, Teresa Cheetham-Palen; Ann Hough

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**Town Officials Present:**

Robyn Shumer (Town Clerk), Savana Li (Water Superintendent)

**Town Counsel Present:**

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**Call to Order**

Supervisor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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**Approval of Minutes**

**Resolution 154** – Approval of May 12, 2026 Minutes. Motion made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen. Motion carried. Mr. Daly abstained due to absence at the previous meeting.

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**Privilege of the Floor**

None.

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**Town Clerk Business**

None.

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**Highway Department Update**

None.

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**Water System Updates**

Water Superintendent reported repairs at Trails End are scheduled for Tuesday.

Received notice to proceed on Water District No. 2 grant work with Layne.

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**Old Business**

Strategic Plan KOM meeting was held. The next step is creation of a steering committee. Ms. Cheetham-Palen and Mr. Wilson will work on diversifying recruitment efforts.

Mr. Wilson shared that he met with Matt Dunne from EBFA several months ago regarding the possibility of creating an arts center. An architect has offered donated time to prepare plans. Discussion also occurred regarding senior housing needs within the community. Mr. Biesemeyer suggested consideration of relocating the ADK Health Center.

**Resolution 155 – Table Resolution 145 Regarding Electrical Service at the Transfer Station**

Motion made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer to table Resolution 145 pending review by the Code Enforcement Officer. Following assessment, the Town will proceed with opening bids for completion of the work. Motion carried.

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**New Business**

Mr. Wilson and Ms. Hough are working on the next Town newsletter.

Discussion occurred regarding maintenance concerns at the Community Center ballfield, mowing at the Community Center and Library, and resident feedback regarding landscaping outside the Library. No action taken.

Discussion held regarding a DEC composting grant opportunity. Residents would receive compost bins for home use and the Town would hold an informational session.

**Resolution 156 – Amendment to Rules for Items Permitted at Marcy Field**

Motion made by Mr. Biesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough to amend permitted items at Marcy Field to birdseed only. Confetti, glitter, spray paint, spray string, and dried flowers will not be permitted. Motion carried.

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**Executive Session**

**Resolution 157 – Enter Executive Session**

Mr. Wilson called Executive Session at 5:47 PM. Motion made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen. Motion carried.

**Resolution 158 – Return from Executive Session**

Motion made by Ms. Cheetham-Palen, seconded by Ms. Hough to resume regular session at 6:09 PM. Motion carried.

No decisions made.

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**Additional Business**

**Resolution 159 – Summer Meeting Schedule**

Regular Town Board meetings for June, July, and August will be held on the second Tuesday at 5:30 PM. The regular meeting held at the end of each month will be limited to business related to voucher review and approval. Audit and online bill payments for June, July, and August will be conducted on the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM.

Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hough. Motion carried.

**Resolution 160 – Transfer of General Funds**

Motion made by Ms. Hough, seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer. Motion carried.

**Resolution 161 – Approval of Online Bill Payments**

Motion made by Mr. Biesemeyer, seconded by Ms. Hough. Motion carried.

**Resolution 162 – Audit and Payment of Monthly Invoices**

Motion made by Ms. Cheetham-Palen, seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer. Motion carried.

**Resolution 163 – Adjournment**

Motion made by Ms. Cheetham-Palen, seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer to adjourn at 6:15 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Shumer

Town Clerk

Town of Keene

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	Abstract of Claims		
	May 26, 2026		
	Town Board Meeting		
Abstract #8, 2026			Voucher #'s 403-442
			Res. No. 154-163
Department	Prepaid Vouchers	Unpaid Vouchers	Total
General	\$7,845.11	\$17,903.27	
Highway	\$530.86	\$27,029.64	
Library	\$94.54	\$1,570.43	
Water District #1	\$290.65	\$46,002.15	
Water District #2	\$351.58	\$68,061.06	
Roost Enhancement Tax		\$14,220.00	
HRA			
<b>Total:</b>			\$0.00
	\$9,112.74	\$174,786.55	\$183,899.29
To the Supervisor,			
I certify that the vouchers listed above were audited by the Keene Town Board on October 25th, 2022			May 26, 2026
and allowed in the amounts shown.			
You are hereby authorized and directed to pay the claimant the amount opposite his name.			
		5.26.2026	
Robyn Shumer, Town Clerk		Date	